

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTING HOCKEY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sport discipline of hockey is lagging behind due to paucity of funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/spent for the promotion of hockey in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether there is any monitoring mechanism to check/monitor the funds spent by the concerned authorities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the details of funds earmarked and disbursed to the players of the National Hockey team, during the said period; and
- (g) the corrective steps being taken by the Government for promoting and popularizing hockey in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The Government is providing all round support for the preparation of national men & women hockey teams, which includes intensive coaching, engagement of high performance coaches, latest equipment, sports science support and foreign competition and training exposure.

(c) The amount spent by the Government during the last three years and the current year for development of hockey, including imparting training and participation in international sports events is as under:

Rupees in crores
2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 (Till 31-7-2011)

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Apart from this, the Government spent Rs. 135.34 crores for the renovation/up-gradation of Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium for hockey and Rs. 6.81 crore for laying of Astro Turfs in various parts of the country. NDMC also spent Rs. 96.95 crores for renovation/up-gradation of Shivaji Stadium for hockey.

(d)&(e):With a view to ensuring proper utilization of government grants, National Sports Federations (NSFs) are insisted upon to ensure timely submission of utilization certificates and audited accounts. Further grants are released only after settlement of accounts in respect of previous releases. In addition, the accounts of NSFs receiving annual grant exceeding Rs. 1.00 crore from the government are got audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(f)The Government does not enter into payment contracts with the players.

(g)The Government has launched a pilot scheme in 2010 for supporting the creation of Urban Sports Infrastructure to address issues like training and development, coaching and infrastructure for players. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to state governments, local civic bodies, schools, colleges and universities of central/state governments and sports control boards. Apart from this, the Sports Authority of India runs the following schemes to identify potentially gifted sportspersons, included hockey players, in the country at sub-junior (8-14 years, junior (14-18 years) and senior levels and gives them scientific training in the respective disciplines through qualified coaches:

1. National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme

3. SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme

4. Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme

5. Centre of Excellence (CDE) Scheme

These schemes cover rural, tribal and remote areas as well. Free board & lodging facilities, sports kit, sports equipment, competition exposure are also provided. Non-residential trainees are given monthly stipend in place of board & lodging. In the Centre of Excellence, the trainees are provided with the state of art facilities, equipment, and scientific back up alongwith specialized training. At present 1052 hockey players (668 boys and 384 girls) in residential and 979 (618 boys and 361 girls) in non-residential in 88 training centres of SAI are being trained to enable them to achieve excellence at national and international level.